

1.2 Māori Student Achievement

Statement of Intent

Onslow College is committed to the vision of “Māori enjoying educational success as Māori” at Onslow College. Onslow College will demonstrate our commitment to upholding Te Tiriti o Waitangi, to strengthen Mana Māori and student confidence within Te Ao Māori and to promote the success at Onslow College of all those who identify as Māori. Our guiding principles include manaakitanga, whanaungatanga and arohatia te reo Māori.

This means providing Māori learners with the tautoko they require to realise their unique potential and succeed in their lives as Māori.

This commitment to Māori benefits and enhances the educational experience of all students who attend the Onslow College.

Board Expectations

The Board’s expectations regarding Māori students’ achievement are that:

- Māori student achievement is comparable to their non-Māori cohort throughout their time at College.
- A strong relationship with the school’s Māori community/whānau is maintained as this is fundamental to improving Māori students’ achievement.
- There will be standing provision for Whānau representation at Board level.
- The school will consult and involve the school’s Māori community/whānau in identifying and meeting the needs of Māori students
- Teachers are committed to the use of Māori language and culture, and strive to be able to pronounce Māori names and common words correctly. Teachers access professional development in support of this.
- Indicators and targets will be established and monitored, to assist teachers to develop programmes which allow Māori students to meet their aspirations. Results will be set against initiatives and strategies designed to support achievement (measuring the achievement of the school not focusing on the students)
- Teachers will systematically and critically engage with evidence and professional literature to reflect on and refine their practice. Professional development will be provided in support of this.

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Supporting Documents

- Ka Hikitia
- Records of consultation whānau hui
- Student achievement data analysed by ethnicity
- Charter and Annual Plan
- Tataiako
- Our Code Our Standards

Delegations

The implementation of this policy is delegated to the Principal.

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